

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News - 3rd April 2022

5th Sunday - 5th Week of Lent

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 2nd - Sun. 3rd April 2022 - 5th Sunday – Week of Lent

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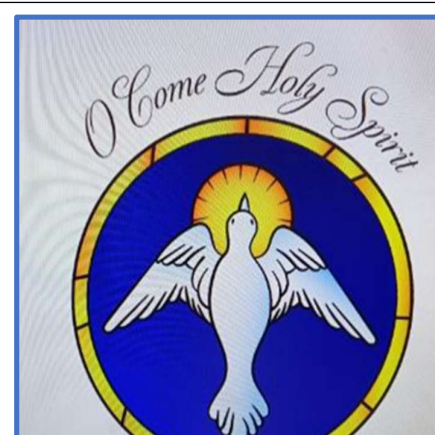
Parish Visitation April

Tues. 5th Apr. Mountrath Country
 Wed. 6th Apr. Mountrath Town
 Thurs. 7th Apr. Ballyfin Parish

Night Vigil for Peace in Ukraine

at St. Brigid's Church,
 Shanahoe
 Thurs. 7th April 7.30 pm
 to Fri. 8th Apr. – 7.30 am

For more information contact
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Sat. 2nd April 11.00 am
 Celebration of Sacrament of
 Confirmation with Children
 from Ballyfin and
 Barnashrone Schools

Bishop Jim (James) Moriarty Bishop Emeritus of Kildare and Leighlin R.I.P.

We pray for Bishop Jim who died peacefully
 at Chryfield Nursing Home, Milltown on
 Sat. 26th

March, following a long illness. Bishop
 Jim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in
 Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on
 Wed. 30th March followed by burial in
 Cathedral Grounds, Carlow. We extend
 sympathy to brothers, Michael and Denis,
 sister Ann, sisters-in-law Mary, Anne and
 Fiona, his nieces and nephews, extended
 family and friends, Bishop Denis Nulty,
 Priests, Deacons,

Religious, the people of the Diocese of
 Kildare & Leighlin and the Archdiocese of
 Dublin where he first ministered as a
 Priest and Auxiliary Bishop. Bishop Jim
 was ordained priest for the Diocese
 of Dublin on 21st May 1961 – was appointed
 Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin 2002 and
 retired in 2010.

May Bishop Jim and all we have loved in life
 but lose to death rest in peace.
 Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis. (Words
 of Bishop Denis, spoken at Bishop Jim's
 Funeral Mass)



We have many lovely memories of the day Bishop Jim led us in the Bicentenary Celebrations
On 19th April 2009 to mark 200 years of Brigidine presence in Mountrath

Bishop Jim led us in the Celebration of Confirmation on 4 occasions in Ballyfin Parish
1st April 2003 - 12th April 2005 - 22nd March 2007 - 13th March 2009

Bishop Jim led us in the Celebration of Confirmation on 4 occasions in Mountrath Parish
30th April 2004 - 7th April 2006 - 14th March 2008 - 19th March 2010

Peig McCartney (née Hogan) Rathgar, (Formerly, Clonagh, Ballyfin)

We pray for Peig, who died peacefully at Orwell Private, Rathgar on 22nd March. Predeceased by her siblings Liam, Mai, Brid, Martin and Joe, Peig's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of The Good Shepherd, Churchtown on Fri. 25th March followed by committal ceremony at Mount Jerome Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband (of 65 years) Donal and children Damien, Máirín, Marjorie, Cathy, Dan, Paula, Alice and Pat, their spouses and partners, her devoted grandchildren, sisters Robin and Anne, brothers Noel, Michael, Vinny and Frank, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

May Peig rest in the peace of Christ.

Frank Delaney, Killeen, Mountmellick - Formerly Clonagown, R.I.P.

We pray for Frank who died peacefully at his home on Sun. 27th Mch. Frank's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Tues. 29th Mch. followed by burial in New Cemetery, Emo.

We extend sympathy to his wife Agnes, sons Eamonn, John, Frank and Terry, daughter Mona,

grandchildren, daughters in law, nieces, brother in law, Mary and Jim Arthur and family,
 Portlaoise Road, sisters in law, extended family, neighbours and friends.
 May Frank rest in the peace of Christ.

An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses during Lent:

**Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
 for all those suffering or afraid,
 that you will be close to them and protect them.**

**We pray for world leaders,
 for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.**

**We pray for the world
 that in this moment of crisis,
 we may reach out in solidarity
 to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.**

For Anniversary Mass Remembrances - See Parish Newsletters

We remember in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill –
 at home, in Hospital or in a Nursing Home at this time

Caretaker Required.

A caretaker is required for Scoil Bhríde, Girls School, Mountrath. If you are interested in applying for this job please send your C.V. into the school. Application closing date is Friday, 8th April.

Cake Sale in Scoil Bhríde

Fri. 8th April 10.00 am – 12 midday

Laois Spring Clean Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois County Council Clean Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on Sat. 9th and 16th April at Community Centre from 10.00 -10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left behind recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Tues. 26th April from 7am.

Prison Visitation

The following recruitment notice is from the Guild of St. Philip, Portlaoise which is part of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Members visit inmates in both prisons in Portlaoise.

Matthew 25 Verse 40 *"I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Inmates are easy to forget. Locked away they seem to disappear from society.

The Guild of St. Philip is a voluntary organisation that visits inmates in prison twice per month. Do you have time to spare? Would you like to offer a hand of friendship? If so please contact Catherine on 086 046 2405 for more information

Towards a Synodal Church

We had a lovely meeting in the Convent on last Wednesday evening when we prepared our Parish Submission for the Synod. Thanks to everyone who attended. Following the meeting our Submission was collated and is now ready to be forwarded to the Diocesan Office in Carlow. At the end of May after conducting consultation and listening, and after hosting a Synodal gathering to synthesize the fruits of this consultation, each diocese will submit their Synodal document to the Irish Bishops' Conference .

Synod News: Practical Information on our Listening Lent

The K&L Synod Committee is preparing templates for parishes to use in listening sessions during Lent. Parishes are very welcome to join with other parishes in hosting these sessions. We will also be offering an online survey that we ask parishes to promote during Lent. Parishioners might be invited to take out their phones at an appropriate point at Mass, perhaps during the homily, and find the link to the survey for use later. While the diocesan committee will host focus groups during Lent, Parishes are also very welcome to identify particular groups they wish to hear from using the template as a tool. The intentional listening that might take place between two people over a cup of coffee will be equally welcome . A youth listening template will be offered also.

Digital submissions from parishes will be able to be submitted to a dedicated email address Guidelines for how the submissions can be assembled will also be offered in due course.

Towards a Synodal Church,

On 7th March 2021 Pope Francis convoked the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in October 2023 on the theme: "[For a synodal Church: - Communion, Participation and Mission](#)". Over the coming weeks we here in the

Parishes of Mountrath – Ballyfin will be meeting to prepare our submission to be presented to the Diocese – At the end of May after conducting consultation and listening, and after hosting a Synodal gathering to synthesize the fruits of this consultation, each diocese will submit their Synodal document to the Irish Bishops' Conference .

We will be engaging with 3 Questions

1. Thinking about the Church and about my local Parish, how and when did I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my Faith - When might it bring me disappointment or pain ?
2. When I hear the word "Church" – who do I think of ? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to ?
How can we become more inclusive ?
3. Thinking about how we as Parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local Parish do really well ? What one thing could it do better with ? What one thing could I do ?

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has been arranged for Sunday 5th June --- Full details in due course.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Apostolate of St. Fintan

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Starts at 7.00 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting - The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!



Ballyfin Lotto 30th

Jackpot € 11,000

Nos. Drawn 2 14 21 23

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Rec. €72 ea

1 local Winner Gemma Mackey Dunphy - Promoter Gemma Dunphy

New Jackpot € 12,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

Mountrath Lotto 31st March

Jackpot € 16,000

Nos. Drawn - Not to hand

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Rec. € 91 ea.

1 local Winner

Bary and Nicola Phelan - Promoter Bernie Phelan

New Jackpot € 17,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity

ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? ? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering.

DPC News: (Diocesan Pastoral Council)

There is now a dedicated page on the diocesan website for the DPC – you can view it at <https://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoral-council/> where you will find information on membership, the mission statement and identified themes. It also announces Gerry Martin as the new Chair of the DPC and Jean Roche as its secretary.
